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- Information Disclosure Statement; 1.
- Form PTO-1449 listing 31 references; and 2.
- 3. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 20563/2422. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(b)(3), because this Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required.

Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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